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SUBJECT: DRUG DEMAND REDUCTION FUNDING

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1. DEPARTMENT VIEWS HKG DRUG DEMAND REDUCTION PROGRAMS AS A VALUABLE REGIONAL RESOURCE IN THAT THEY SERVE AS MODELS OF WHAT CAN BE DONE THROUGH AN INTEGRATED ENFORCEMENT AND TREATMENT EFFORT. OUR SUPPORT FOR THE ADDICT REGISTRY PROJECT WAS DESIGNED TO: 1) STRENGTHEN THE INFORMATION RESOURCES AVAILABLE TO HKG NARCOTICS CONTROL OFFICIALS, AND 2) BUILD A MODEL REGISTRY WHICH HAS DEMONSTRATION IMPLICATIONS FAR BEYOND THE COLONY.

2. BECAUSE OF HK'S POTENTIAL ROLE AS A REGIONAL MODEL AND TRAINING RESOURCE, WE WISH TO MAINTAIN COOPERATION OF HKG  
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OFFICIALS. IN THE RELATIVELY NEAR FUTURE, WE HOPE TO HAVE AVAILABLE HKG PROGRAMS AND PERSONNEL AS RESOURCES TO FACILITATE THIRD COUNTRY TRAINING AND TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE. WE UNDERSTAND THAT FOR POLITICAL REASONS THE HKG CANNOT TAKE A LEAD ROLE IN REGIONAL DRUG CONTROL ACTIVITIES, BUT USE OF HKG RESOURCES BY AND THROUGH THIRD PARTIES APPEARS TO BE ACCEPTABLE TO COMMISSIONER LEE. FOR THESE REASONS, WE ARE

WILLING TO CONSIDER FUNDING THE ENTIRE COST OF A FINAL

WERBELL CONSULTANCY IF IT DOES NOT EXCEED DOLLARS 40,000.  
WE ARE NOT HOWEVER, CERTAIN THAT ADDITIONAL NEWMAN VISITS  
ARE NEEDED AT THIS TIME.

3. MS. FALCO (S/NM) AND PART OF HER STAFF PLAN TO VISIT  
HK IN EARLY JANUARY (DETAILS BY SEPTTEL) AFTER THE SINGAPORE  
NARCOTICS CONFERENCE. AT THAT TIME WE WOULD LIKE TO REVIEW  
A DETAILED PROPOSAL FOR THE FINAL WORK ON THE REGISTRY  
PROJECT. OUR PLAN IS THAT WERBELL WOULD BE SUPPORTED  
DIRECTLY BY DEPARTMENT (S/NM) WITHOUT INVOLVING NIDA. CON-  
SEQUENTLY, WE WOULD NEED TO SEE A DEFINITIVE PROPOSAL IN  
JANUARY SO THAT IMPLEMENTATION COULD BEGIN AS SOON AS THE  
TEAM RETURNS TO WASHINGTON.

4. THE SITUATION WITH REGARD TO FURTHER WORK BY NIDA WITH  
ITS OWN FUNDS IN HK IS AS YET UNCLEAR. WHILE THE DEPART-  
MENT'S NARCOTICS FUNDS ARE APPROPRIATED UNDER THE FOREIGN  
ASSISTANCE ACT, NIDA'S OPERATING FUNDS ARE APPROPRIATED  
FOR A VARIETY OF PURPOSES INCLUDING RESEARCH. IN LIGHT  
OF THIS CONSIDERATION, OUR FEELING IS THAT EACH PROJECT  
SHOULD BE REVIEWED ON ITS OWN MERITS; AND THAT A BLANKET  
PROHIBITION ON FURTHER USG FUNDING OF HKG DRUG ABUSE  
PROGRAMS IS NOT NECESSARILY IN OUR BEST INTERESTS. THE  
OBJECTIVE OF NIDA'S ACUPUNCTURE STUDY, FOR EXAMPLE, IS  
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TO CONDUCT APPLIED RESEARCH INTO THE FEASIBILITY OF USING  
ACUPUNCTURE TO DETOXYIFY HEROIN ADDICTS ON AN OUTPATIENT  
BASIS. THIS ISSUE IS RELEVANT TO A NUMBER OF COUNTRIES  
(E.G. MALAYSIA) THAT HAVE SUBSTANTIAL LEVELS OF HEROIN  
USE, BUT WHICH ARE RELUCTANT TO ALLOW THE USE OF METHADONE,  
EVEN FOR DETOXIFICATION PURPOSES. IF ACUPUNCTURE IS  
SHOWN TO BE A FEASIBLE NON-CHEMICAL ALTERNATIVE, THE  
TREATMENT OPTIONS AVAILABLE TO SEASIAN COUNTRIES WILL BE  
EXPANDED GREATLY. HONG KONG IS THE BEST SITE FOR SUCH  
RESEARCH. THUS WE BELIEVE THAT SUCH DEMONSTRATION PRO-  
JECTS ARE BEST VIEWED NOT AS FOREIGN ASSISTANCE BUT RATHER  
AS RESEARCH CONTRACTS. WE HOPE TO DISCUSS THIS ISSUE AT  
GREATER LENGTH DURING MS. FALCO'S JANUARY VISIT TO HK.  
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